

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A vehicular lamp used for a vehicle, comprising:
a semiconductor light emitting element for generating light used for a vehicular headlamp to emit said light forward from said vehicle; and
a current controlling unit for reducing the current supplied to said semiconductor light emitting element for switching the vehicular lamp to a position lamp and to prevent the temperature in the lamp from increasing during a course of time that the vehicular lamp is turned on as the vehicular headlamp.
2. (previously presented) The vehicular lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said current controlling unit reduces said current, if said vehicle is stopped.
3. (previously presented) The vehicular lamp as claimed in claim 1 comprising:
a plurality of said semiconductor light emitting elements coupled in parallel,
wherein said current controlling unit comprises:
a selecting unit for selecting all or a part of said plurality of semiconductor light emitting elements based on an instruction of said driver of said vehicle; and
a current supplying unit for allowing a part of said plurality of semiconductor light emitting elements to emit said light used for said position lamp by reducing currents supplied to said semiconductor light emitting elements, if said selecting unit selects said part of semiconductor light emitting elements by supplying currents to said selected semiconductor light emitting elements.

4. (previously presented) The vehicular lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said current controlling unit reduces a current supplied to said semiconductor light emitting element based on at least one of a speed of the vehicle, a temperature of a vehicular lamp, and a brightness around the vehicle during the course that a vehicular lamp is turned on as a vehicular headlamp.

5. (previously presented) The vehicular lamp as claimed in claim 4, wherein said current controlling unit reduces said current, if said vehicle is stopped.

6. (previously presented) The vehicular lamp as claimed in claim 4 comprising:
a plurality of said semiconductor light emitting elements coupled in parallel,
wherein said current controlling unit comprises:
a selecting unit for selecting all or a part of said plurality of semiconductor light emitting elements; and
a current supplying unit for allowing a part of said plurality of semiconductor light emitting elements to emit said light used for said position lamp by reducing currents supplied to said semiconductor light emitting elements, if said selecting unit selects said part of semiconductor light emitting elements by supplying currents to said selected semiconductor light emitting elements.